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THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
(IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE is hereby given that a Second Final Return of Capital, amounting to $27.5 per Share, has been declared in this matter.

Upon delivery of Scrip to the LIQUIDATOR for Cancellation at his OFFICE on or after the 21st instant, each SHAREHOLDER will receive an Order on the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION in full Settlement of his Claim against the Company.

SHAREHOLDERS who have not Collected yet the First Return of Capital, amounting to $7.50 per Share, Declared on the 31st August, 1894 are requested to do so without further delay to enable the final winding-up of this Company.

J. GOOSMANN,
*Liquidator,*
C/o of Messrs. MELCHERS & Co.,
Praya Central,
Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 503

THE
MICASTOS FACTORY.

MR. C. HOLDSWORTH,
*Superintendent at Works, Sankiwan Road, Hongkong.*

THE GENERAL MANAGERS are prepared to enter into Contracts for COVERING BOILERS and STEAM PIPES with either MICA or ASBESTOS COMPOSITIONS at the following Quotations:—

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Exposed STEAM PIPES needing extra Wrapping and Canvas and Tar Dressing will be treated with the above Compositions at $1.05 per superficial square foot.

A Stock of the Compositions is kept ready for Sale packed in 5 cwt. casks. Price for one lots $100 per ton F.O.B. or in smaller quantities at $6 per cwt F.O.B.

All work will be under the personal supervision of Mr. HOLDSWORTH and all Orders must be sent through the undersigned.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
*General Managers.*
Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 302




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| SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. | *Manila* | R. L. HADDOCK, R.N.R. | 5 p.m., 23rd March. |
| SHANGHAI | *Verona* | C. H. S. TOCQUE, R.N.R. | About 1st April. |
| LONDON, &c. | *Thames** | S. BARCHAM | Noon, 2nd April. |
| LONDON | *Socotra* † | J. PAINE, R.N.R. | About 2nd April. |
| LONDON | *Borneo* | F. C. A. LYDE, R.N.R. | About 2nd April. |
| NAGASAKI, KOBE, & YOKOHAMA | *Rosetta* | E. P. BISHOP | Daylight, 5th April. |
| LONDON | *Sunda* | S. G. D. ANDREWS, R.N.R. | About 14th April. |

* See Special Advertisement. † For Freight (only).

For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 21, 1898. 560

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TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

This Department is now under the Personal Supervision of Mr. BOFFEY, who has again entered our employ.

We are just in Receipt of New Goods for the coming Season of

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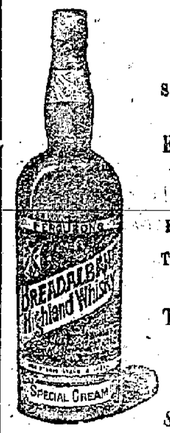
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Hongkong, March 23, 1898. 599

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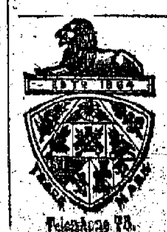
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Oaldbeck, Macgregor & Co.,
Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. 497

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throws the human machinery out of gear. It relaxes the system and renders it more susceptible to attacks of Diphtheria, Influenza, Colds, and other prevalent ailments.

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For Prices and further particulars, apply to

2292 SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., *General Managers.*

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on WEDNESDAY, the 30TH MARCH, 1898, at 6 P.M., for the purpose set forth in the notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order,
C. H. GRACE,
*Secretary.*
Hongkong, March 19, 1898. 566

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned FIRMS have THIS DAY been Amalgamated and will in future carry on the BUSINESS under the Name and Style of SANDER, WIELER & Co.

All Assets and Liabilities of the Former Firm have been taken over by the NEW FIRM.

SANDER & Co.,
WIELER & Co.,
OFFICE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 10.
Hongkong, March 1, 1898. 497

REMOVAL.

DR. SYLVESTER G. HILL has REMOVED his DENTAL OFFICE to ROOM 165, HONGKONG HOTEL.

Office Hours, 10 to 12 a.m.; 2 to 3 p.m.
Hongkong, March 16, 1898. 560

WANTED.

AN ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL ENGINEER. Apply by Letter, giving References and Copies of Testimonials, to the MANAGER,

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.
Hongkong, March 16, 1898. 559

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MEMBERS wishing to enter for the above will find LISTS on which to enter their Names, in the HONGKONG CLUB, The NEW CLUB, and in the CRICKET PAVILION.

Entries will CLOSE on the 25th Instant.
Hongkong, March 19, 1898. 562

NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

AMERICAN CITIZENS residing in the CONSULAR DISTRICT OF CANTON, which includes SAMSHUI, WUCHOW, MACAO, SWATOW, HOIHOW and PAKHOI, are REQUESTED to REGISTER at this CONSULATE either Personally or by Certificate setting forth the Date and Place of Birth and last Residence in the United States.

The Advantages of Registration are obvious and may prove of value in time of need.

There is no fee or charge for Registration.

EDWARD BEDLOE,
*U. S. Consul.*

UNITED STATES CONSULATE,
Canton, China, 1st Feb., 1898. 368

H. F. CARMICHAEL,
*Consulting Engineer and Surveyor,*
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FOR SALE.

A TEAKWOOD STEAMER now Building under Special Survey:—
Length Overall, 168 feet.
Beam Deck Level, 26 feet.
Water Line, 22 feet, 6 inches.
Depth of Hold, 10 feet.
Surface condensing Engines.
Cylinders L.P. 30, H.P. 17, Stroke 24.
2 Steel Boilers, 9' 6" x 7' 6" each; pressure 140 lbs. Speed 12 miles.
Hongkong, January 17, 1898. 108

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Twentieth Ordinary Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be Held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, at NOON, TO-MORROW, the 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
*General Agents,*
Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 413

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Sixteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be Held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Pedder Street, at 12.30 p.m., TO-MORROW, 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st Dec., 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
*General Agents,*
Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 414

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATE of 12 SHARES Numbered 4,142/4,143 and 4,569/4,678 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Mrs. GUAD LUPE ROCHA having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that a Duplicate Certificate for the said 12 SHARES will be issued One Month hence and that the Original Certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
*General Managers,*
Hongkong, March 1, 1898. 439

Kinghorn & Macdonald,
*Consulting Mechanical Engineers and Surveyors,*
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*M.I.M.S., M.I.Mech.E., London.*
DONALD MACDONALD.
Hongkong, November 5, 1896. 2233

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| CHAMPAGNE— G. H. Mumm & Co. | $35.50 | $17.50 |
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| Guedes 'Grape' Brand | $24.00 | |

Agents,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
*Praya Central.*
Hongkong, December 24, 1897. 2538

DENTISTRY.

SUI HANG,
(Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA)
DENTIST
No. 8, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, January 1, 1898.

## Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL

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Under the Direction of Mr ROBERT BROUGH.

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LAST NINE NIGHTS OF THE

**BROUGH COMEDY CO.**

TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY), 22nd March, Commencing at 9 p.m.

'The Importance of being Earnest.'
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by OSCAR WILDE.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 23rd and 24th March,

'The Second Mrs. Tanqueray.'
'The Second Mrs. Tanqueray.'
'The Second Mrs. Tanqueray.'
By A. W. PINERO.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 25th and 26th March,

'THE PASSPORT,'
'THE PASSPORT,'
'THE PASSPORT.'

An Original Farcical Comedy by B. C. STEPHENSON and W. YARDLEY, Adapted from Colonel Savage's Celebrated Novel 'My Official Wife.'

PRICES OF ADMISSION :—

DRESS CIRCLE and ORCHESTRA STALLS ... ... ... $3.00.
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SOLDIERS and SAILORS in UNIFORM—Half Price to Pit only.

Doors Open 8.15 ; Curtain 9.

BOX PLAN now Open at The ROBINSON PIANO CO.'s WAREHOUSE, where Seats can be booked (and the Tickets obtained) Six Nights in advance.

A late Tram for the Peak will leave each Evening fifteen minutes after the termination of the performance.

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 587

MURRAY BARRACKS GYMNASIUM.

**THE KING'S OWN AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB,**

Hon. Secretary, S. M. WILSON.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY, 30th, 31st March, and 2nd April, 1898.

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Reserved Seats ... ... ... ... ... $1.00
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Tickets may be obtained at Messr. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s Music Saloon, also at Door of MURRAY BARRACKS GYMNASIUM.

Hongkong, March 21, 1898. 558

HOW CLAIMS ARE PAID.

[Copy] 36, Weighton-road, Anerley, 12th March, 1895.

To the EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY of the UNITED STATES, LONDON.

Dear Sirs,

Having this day presented at your Office the papers in connection with my late father's life policy, and forthwith received payment of my claim for £3743.11.10, I have great pleasure in testifying hereby to the promptitude of your settlement.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) L. J. VERGARA.

*The EQUITABLE has now opened a branch office in Hongkong, at which all information can be had.*

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## To-day's Advertisements.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA *VIA* AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship *Sungkiang*, Captain RENDLE, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 23rd Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 581

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship *Jason*, Captain LYCETT, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 23rd Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 597

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Monmouthshire*, Capt. EVANS, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th Inst., will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and damaged Goods, are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th Instant, at 2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 593

## To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE is hereby given that Messrs. WILLIAM GOSSAGE AND SONS, LIMITED of WIDNES, in the County of Lancashire, England, have applied to HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR under the provisions of Ordinances Nos 16 of 1873, and 20 of 1895, to Register their TRADE MARKS in the OFFICE of the Colonial Secretary. The Goods to be covered are various kinds of SOAP MANUFACTURED by the said WILLIAM GOSSAGE AND SONS, LIMITED.

The MARKS are used for the purpose of impressing the same upon Soap and of Stencilling the same upon the ends and sides of boxes containing Soap Manufactured by the said WILLIAM GOSSAGE AND SONS, LIMITED.

Facsimiles of the Trade Marks may be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary upon application.

Dated 22nd March 1898.

WILKINSON & GRIST, *Solicitors, Hongkong.*

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

**FRIDAY,**

the 25th March, 1898, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sale's Rooms, Duddell Street,—

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising :—

RED PLUSH DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEAK OVERMANTELS with BEVELLED MIRROR TEA and OCCASIONAL TABLES, WHITE LACE CURTAINS, ETC.

CARVED TEAK SIDEBOARD with MIRROR, DINING TABLE, DINNER WAGGON, DINING CHAIRS, BOOKCASES, WRITING TABLES, BRASS STANDARD LAMP, CYLINDER DESK, GLASS WARE and CUTLERY, CARPETS, RUGS, ETC., ETC.

IRON and BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, TEAK WARDROBES, MARBLE-TOP WASH-STANDS, DRESSING TABLES with GLASS BACKS, CHEST OF DRAWERS, ETC., ETC.

A FEW SECOND-HAND BICYCLES.

*Also,*

A SMALL QUANTITY OF CANTON BLACK-WOOD WARE.

Catalogues will be issued.

On view on *Thursday*, the 24th March, 1898.

TERMS :—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, *Auctioneer.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 604

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruction to sell by Public Auction, at the Residence of A. ROSS, Esq., 2 and 3, CAMERON VILLAS, the Peak, on

**WEDNESDAY,**

the 30th March, 1898, Commencing at 3 p.m.,—

THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising :—

TAPESTRY and PLUSH DRAWING ROOM SUITE, EASY CHAIRS, CARPETS, RUGS, SOFAS, LADY'S and GENTLEMAN'S WRITING DESKS, BOOKCASES, OVERMANTELS, LAMPS, CHAIRS, TABLES, IRON FENDERS, EXTENSION and DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARDS, WARDROBES, WASHINGSTANDS with MARBLE TOP, TOILET TABLES, BEDSTEADS with SPRING and HAIR MATTRESSES, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, GLASS WARE, CROCKERY, FLOWERSTANDS, RATTAN FURNITURE, &c., &c., &c.

*Also,*

1 COTTAGE PIANO by SCHIEDMAYER & Co. INVALID'S CARRYING CHAIR.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale.

On view from *Monday*, 28th March.

TERMS OF SALE :—As Customary.

PAUL BREWITT, *Auctioneer.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 606

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *MANILA*.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo :—

From ITALY, ex s.s. *Sutlej*. From MADRAS, ex s.s. *Loodiana*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 28th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 195

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s S. S. *Oolong* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of The HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the undersigned before NOON, on the 29th March, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 29th March.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 29th March, will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., *Agents.*

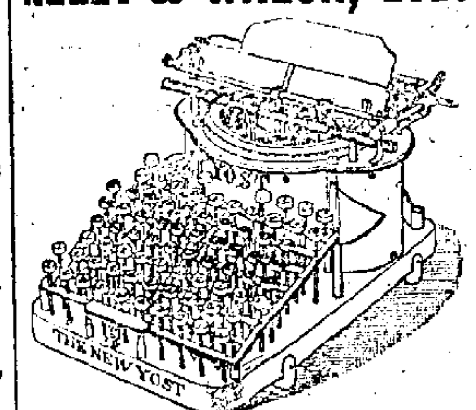
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## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

| *Destination.* | *Vessels.* | *Agents.* | *Date of Leaving.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Australian Ports | Taiyuan (s) | Butterfield & Swire | Mar. 29, at 3 p.m. |
| Bremen & Ports of Cal | Bayern (s) | Norddeutscher Lloyd | Mar. 30, at 9 a.m. |
| Kobé and Yokohama | Kanagawa Maru (s) | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | Mar. 25, at 4 p.m. |
| Kudat and Sandakan | Memnon (s) | Butterfield & Swire | Mar. 26, at 3 p.m. |
| London, v. Suez Canal | Dardanus (s) | Butterfield & Swire | April 2. |
| London & Ports of Cal | Thames (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | April 2, at noon. |
| London | Socotra (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About April 2. |
| London | Borneo (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About April 2. |
| London | Sunda (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About April 14. |
| Manila via Amoy | Sungkiang (s) | Butterfield & Swire | Mar. 23, daylight. |
| Marseilles v. Saigon | Josanien (s) | Messageries Maritimes | Mar. 26, at noon. |
| Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma | Rosetta (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | April 5, daylight. |
| Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma | Yamashiro Maru (s) | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | Mar. 29, at 4 p.m. |
| New York, v. Suez Canal | Benalder (s) | Shewan, Tomes & Co. | About April 5. |
| New York, v. Suez Canal | Ghazee (s) | Dodwell, Carlill & Co. | March 26. |
| Portland, Oregon | Mogul (s) | Dodwell, Carlill & Co. | Mar. 29, at noon. |
| S. Francisco, v. Japan | Gaelic (s) | O. & O. S. S. Co. | Mar. 31, at noon. |
| S. Francisco v. Japan | City of Rio de J'eiro (s) | Pacific Mail S. S. Co | Mar. 23, daylight. |
| San Francisco | West York | Shewan, Tomes & Co. | Quick despatch. |
| San Francisco | Imberhorne | Shewan, Tomes & Co. | Quick despatch. |
| Shanghai | Verona (s) | Butterfield & Swire | About April 1. |
| S'hai, Y'ma & Hiogo | Andalusia (s) | Carlowitz & Co. | March 24. |
| S'hai, N'ki, K'bé & Y'ma | Manila (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Mar. 23, at 5 p.m. |
| S'hai, N'ki, K'be & Y'ma | Salazie (s) | Messageries Maritimes | About Mar. 26. |
| S'pore, Havre & H'burg | Ceres (s) | Siemssen & Co. | April 2, at 5 p.m. |
| S'tow, Amoy & T'foo | Nanyang (s) | Douglas Lapraik & Co. | Mar. 23, daylight. |
| Swatow, Amoy & T'sui | Haimun (s) | Douglas Lapraik & Co. | Mar. 25, daylight. |
| Swatow | Jason (s) | Butterfield & Swire | Mar. 23, at 4 p.m. |
| Sydney & Melbourne | Tokio Maru (s) | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | April 1, at 4 p.m. |
| Sydney v. Thursday Is. | Jacob Christensen (s) | Geo. R. Stevens | About April 5. |
| Tacoma (Wash.), &c. | Columbia (s) | Dodwell, Carlill & Co. | April 5, at noon. |
| Vancouver (B.C.), &c. | Empress of China (s) | Canadian P'fic R. Co. | April 6, at noon. |
| Yokohama and Kobe | Wally (s) | Siemssen & Co. | Mar. 24, at 3 p.m. |

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s steamship *Haimun*, Captain BATHURST, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 25th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 601

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.

The Co.'s Steamship *Memnon*, Captain MOGRIDGE, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 598

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The Steamship *Ceres*, Captain TH. FOEBCK, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 2nd April, at 5 p.m.

For Freight, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co. *Agents.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 546

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 21.

*Humber*, British storeship, 1,640, Gransmore, Port Hamilton March 17.

*Kenai Maru*, Japanese str., 1,291, K. Thara, Moji March 16, Coal.—SAM YIK LOONG.

*Hupeh*, British steamer, 1 894, Quail, Sourabaya March 1, Sugar.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

March 22.

*Yungching*, Chinese str., from Canton.

*Kwanglee*, Chinese str., from Canton.

*Jason*, British str., 1,336, W. C. Lycett, Singapore March 14, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

*Tamarind*, Norwegian str., 739, Joh. Dannevig, Moji March 16, Coal.—SANDER, WIELER & Co.

*Rainbow*, British cruiser, 3,600, V. A. Tisdall, Nagasaki March 18.

*Oolong*, British steamer, 2,308, W. H. Evans, Liverpool and Singapore March 15, at 6 p.m., General.—HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

*Manila*, British steamer, 2,711, R. L. Haddock, London Feb. 5, and Singapore March 16, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

*Monmouthshire*, British str., 1,871, W. A. Evans, London via Singapore March 15, General.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

CLEARED.

*Elphinstone*, for Saigon.
*Nanyang*, for Swatow.
*Sungkiang*, for Amoy.
*Fuh chiang*, for Swatow.
*Hikosan Maru*, for Rangoon.
*Dean*, for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

March 21.

*Lothair*, for Callao.

March 22.

*Cheang Chew*, for Amoy.
*Quarta*, for Bangkok.
*Lootok*, for Swatow.
*Palinurus*, for Amoy.
*Thales*, for Swatow.
*Jacob Diederichsen*, for Hoihow.
*Kalgan*, for Canton.
*Gefion*, German cruiser, for Pakhoi.
*Hailan*, for Hoihow.
*Idzumi Maru*, for Singapore and Bombay.
*Hermes*, for Hongay.
*Catherine Apcar*, for Singapore and Calcutta.
*Bormida*, for Singapore and Bombay.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Oolong*, from Singapore, 215 Chinese.

Per *Manila*, for Hongkong: from London, Mid. Mounsell, Mr and Mrs Stackwood, Miss Colcutt, Midshipmen Bailey, Wake, and Gipps, Naval Cadets St. John, Alexander, Brownrigg, Fanshawe, Rane, Fforde, and Dickson, Midshipmen Boyes, Tabuteau, Addison, Brooker, Baylston, and Hanninghea, Hon. Forbes-Sempill, Messrs D. E Smith and A. E. Tabuteau; from Penang, 23 Chinese; from Singapore, 251 Chinese.

Per *Monmouthshire*, from London, &c., Mrs Franklyn.

DEPARTED.

Per *Bengal*, from Hongkong: for London, Messrs W. Findlay, J. Wright, Mr and Mrs J. W. Ragas, Messrs D. Johnson, K. Takahashi, R. Ichinomiya, Miss Gordon, Lieut. D. L. Dent, Messrs G. Boyland, F. King, George Potts, Asst.-Paymaster F. W. Preece, and Mr F. Dinale; for Marseilles, Messrs Kinakami, K. Ito, S Akashi, H. Ureno, Dr and Mrs Riddell; for Gibraltar, Dr Pinneiro d'Almeida, Mrs Costa da Silva, and Major A. M. Cataja; for Colombo, Mr G. S. Barbo; for Singapore, Rev. A. A. dos Santos, Messrs K. Reghoomul and Isardas.

Per *Catherine Apcar*, for Singapore, Mr Chan Pok Sang, Mr Chan Tung Won, Mr and Mrs Hussli; for Calcutta, Mrs Tilley, Messrs J. Mohomed Ali and E. Mason.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Dean*, at 9 30 a.m., on Wednesday, he 23rd March.

For SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Oolong*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 23rd March.
Per *Manila*, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 23rd March.

For NAGASAKI & VLADIVOSTOCK.—
Per *Tetartos*, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 23rd March.

For SWATOW.—
Per *Jason*, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 23rd March.

For WUCHOW.—
Per *Lee On*, at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, the 23rd March.

For YOKOHAMA & KOBE.—
Per *Wally*, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 24th March.

For KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Kanagawa Maru*, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 25th March.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Yamashiro Maru*, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the 28th March.
Per *Rosetta*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 4th April.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Mar. 22, 1898.

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|---|---|---|
| OPIUM—New Patna, cash, ... | | 702½ |
| ,, | Old ,, cash, | 707½ |
| ,, | New Benares, cash; | 697½/700 |
| ,, | Old ,, cash,... | 702½/707½ |
| ,, | New Malwa, credit, | 85 /860 |
| | Allowance Taels,... | 0/20 |
| ,, | Last Year, ... | — |
| | Allowance, Taels.... | — |
| ,, | Old Malwa credit,... | 891/950 |
| | Allowance, Taels,... | 0/8 |
| ,, | Persian, Oily, cash... | — |
| | Allowance, Taels,... | — |
| ,, | Persian, Paper uso | 650/660 |
| | Allowance, Taels,... | nil. |

Hongkong Register.

| | Previous day at 4 p.m. | On date at 10 a.m. | On date at 4 p.m. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Barometer ... | 29.93 | 30.15 | 30.06 |
| Temperature | 66 | 62 | 63 |
| Humidity ... | 78 | 76 | 76 |
| Direction of Wind ... | E | E | ENE |
| Force ... | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Weather ... | o | o | o |
| Rain ... | — | — | — |

Highest open air temperature on the 21st.........67
Lowest open air temperature on the 21st.........64

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant.*

Hongkong Observatory Mar 22, 1898.

Temperature.

*(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)*

HONGKONG, Mar. 22, 1898.

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| BAROMETER— | 9 A.M. | ... | 30.09 |
| Do. | 1 P.M. | ... | 30.04 |
| Do. | 4 P.M. | ... | 30.00 |
| THERMOMETER— | 9 A.M. | ... | 64 |
| Do. | 1 P.M. | ... | 65 |
| Do. | 4 P.M. | ... | 65 |
| Do. (Wet bulb) | 9 A.M. | ... | 60 |
| Do. Do. | 1 P.M. | ... | 59 |
| Do. Do. | 4 P.M. | ... | 60 |
| Do. Maximum | ... | ... | 68 |
| Do. Minimum overnight | ... | ... | 63 |

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Sungkiang* leaves for Manila.

Daylight.—*Nanyang* leaves for Swatow.

Noon.—P. M. S. S. Co.'s Str. *City of Rio de Janeiro* leaves for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco.

4 p.m.—*Jason* leaves for Swatow.

5 p.m.—*Manila* leaves for Shanghai.

Meetings.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Offices of the General Agents.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Offices of the General Agents.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Preceptory.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Brough Comedy Co. at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, March 24 :—
4 p.m.—Auction of 1000 Pots of Plants, at Devonia, Peak Road, by Mr. Geo. P. Lammert.
9 p.m.—Brough Comedy Co. at the City Hall.

FRIDAY, March 25 :—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's.
Entries of Lawn Tennis Tournament close.
Goods per *Chusan* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Goods per *Gisela* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, March 28 :—
Goods per *Manila* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Goods per *Wally* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, March 29 :—
Goods per *Oolong* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Monmouthshire* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 30 :—
3 p.m.—Auction of Reclamation Property, by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.
6 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Club, in the Club House.
9 p.m.—The King's Own A. D. C. at the Murray Barracks Gymnasium.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, March 22, 1898.

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| On London— | |
| Bank, Wire, ... ... ... | ...1/10¼ |
| ,, On demand, ... ... | ...1/10 5/16 |
| ,, 30 days' sight, ... ... | ...1/10⅜ |
| ,, 4 months' sight, ... | ...1/10 7/16 |
| Credits, 4 ,, ... ... | ...1/10⅝ |
| Documentary, 4 months' sight, | ...1/10½ |
| On Paris— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... | ... 2.34½ |
| Credits, 4 months' sight, ... | ... 2.38¼ |
| On Berlin—Demand,... ... ... | ... 1.89½ |
| On New York— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... | ... 45½ |
| Credits, 60 days' sight,... | ... 46⅛ |
| On Bombay— | |
| Wire, ... ... ... ... | ... 140 |
| On demand, ... ... ... | ... 140¼ |
| On Calcutta— | |
| Wire, ... ... ... ... | ... 140 |
| On demand, ... ... ... | ... 140¼ |
| On Singapore— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... | 1% pm. |
| On Manila— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... | 8% pm. |
| On Shanghai— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... | ... 74¾ |
| 30 days' sight, (private paper) | ... 75½ |
| On Yokohama— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... | 8½% pm. |
| Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)... | ...$55.50 |
| Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) | ...$10.60 |
| Silver (per oz.) ... ... ... | ...25⅛d. |

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| Pint tins ... ... ... ... | 0.50 |

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BIRTH.

On the 13th March, at the Botanical Gardens, Singapore, the Wife of WALTER FOX, of a Son.

DEATH.

On the 10th March, ROBERT CLINT CHILL, Marine Engineer, at Burmah Road, Penang, of malarial cachexia.

*The publication of this issue commenced at 6 00 p.m.*

# The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1898.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND :—*Hounslow*, Feb. 4 ; *Alton*, *Latona*, *Yarrowdale*, 11 ; *Rose Castle*, 15 ; *Avala*, 18 ; *Bengloe*, *St. Mary*, 22 ; *Queen Olga*, *Queen Margaret*, 25 ; *Antenor*, *Candia*, *St. Andrews*, March 1 ; *Formosa*, *Macduff*, *Kintuck*, *Glenturret*, *Rugby*, 4 ; *Thekla*, 8 ; *Glenartney*, *Glengyle*, *Prinz Heinrich*, *Sarpedon*, *Afridi*, *Croydon*, *Eiffel Tower*, *Isis*, *Wennington Hall*, 15 ; *Bullmouth*, *Canton*, *Merionethshire*, *Adria*, *Indus*, 18.

HOMEWARD BOUND :—*Malacca*, Feb. 8 ; *Benledi*, *Kriemhild*, *Della*, 18 ; *Priam*, March 4 ; *Yarra*, *Port Adelaide*, 8 ; *Hector*, *Senta*, 11 ; *Darmstadt*, 15.

*Mails.*

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 7 a.m., on Monday morning, the 21st March, and she leaves at 6 p.m. on same day for Kobe, where she is expected to arrive at 10 p.m., on Tuesday, the 22nd March.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of China*, with the CANADIAN MAIL left Shanghai on Sunday, the 20th March, at 8.30 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 23rd March.

The O. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Gaelic*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of the 22nd Feb., left Yokohama on Friday, the 18th March, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 26th March.

The M. M. Co.'s s. s. *Salazie*, with the FRENCH MAIL of 25th Feb., left Singapore on Sunday, the 20th March, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 27th March. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Jan. 19th.

The P. M. Co.'s s. s. *City of Peking*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of the 3rd March, leaves Yokohama, on the morning of Tuesday, the 22nd March, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 29th March.

The O. & O Co.'s s. s. *Doric*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 12th March.

*Steamers Expected.*

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Mogul* sailed from Yokohama, for Kobe and Hongkong on the 16th March.

The s. s. *Suisang*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 16th March, at 3 p.m.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Columbia* sailed from Yokohama for Kobe and Hongkong on the 15th March.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Yamashiro Maru*, left Thursday Island for this port on the 16th March, and is expected to arrive here on the 27th March.

The O. S. S. Co.'s *Teucer* is expected to leave Singapore about 24th March.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Kintuck*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 6th March, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 24th March.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s str. *Guthrie*, from Sydney &c., left Port Darwin on the 14th March for this port.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Tacoma* sailed from Tacoma on the 13th March for Japan and Hongkong.

*** On the 5th page will be found some remarks by the Dutch Minister of Finance on the currency in the Netherlands, and some remarks by Mr John Dill Ross on Amoy.

ON arrival at Singapore from Hongkong on the 15th inst., the steamer *Lightning* went into quarantine to complete the nine days which must elapse from her leaving Hongkong before she could be granted pratique.

ENTRIES are now being received for the approaching Athletic Meeting at the Happy Valley, to be held on Saturday, the 2nd April, with so many naval ships in the Harbour, and a likelihood of numerous entries from the ranks of young naval officers just arrived from England and from among the officers of the Garrison, the meeting ought to be one of the most successful held for several years. We are asked to point out that the Half-mile Flat Race is not a handicap event. The One Mile Flat Race (No. 9 on the provisional programme) will be a handicap.

INSPECTOR D. Macdonald charged a woman and two men, at the Magistracy to-day, with being in possession of a number of counterfeit coins. The prisoners were arrested in a house at 161 Praya West. The woman had fifteen counterfeit dollars in her possession, and the men were also in possession of base coin. The woman said the occupier of the house had gone to Canton. She knew nothing about the money. One of the men said he was a hawker and boarded ships. He got his coins from his customers. The second man said he knew nothing about the coins. He went to sleep in the house, and while he was sleeping somebody put the money on his pillow to get him into trouble. Some moulds and other instruments that could be used for making the base coin were found in the house. The woman was fined $150, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment. The two men were fined $50 each, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment.

VERY fine. New Waltz by A. G. Ward, Pearl of the East.—Robinson Piano Company.

H.M.S. *Rainbow* arrived here to-day. There are now about thirty ships of war in Hongkong—quite a record.

AT the Magistracy to-day, two boys who were arrested for gambling in the Western Market, were each fined $3, with the alternative of fourteen days' imprisonment.

WE learn that there is a movement afloat to hold a public ball in honour of Prince Henry of Prussia's visit to Hongkong. The Prince left for Swatow to-day on board the *Gefion*.

A NUMBER of firms in Singapore received no letters by the last mail from England, and on the 14th inst. the Postmaster-General issued the following notice :—With reference to the large number of letters from the United Kingdom reported to have been short delivered by the overland mail of Saturday, the Postmaster-General thinks that a bag of letters from London for Singapor has been wrongly addressed to some other place, and the matter is receiving his attention.

A FEW days ago we recorded the death of Capt. John Blair, for many years manager of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Co. at Singapore. At the time of his death, Capt. Blair was in receipt of a pension of $300 per month, and at the half-yearly meeting on the 14th inst. the following resolution was agreed to unanimously :—'That out of the funds of the Co., an annuity of £150 per annum be paid to the widow of the late John Blair for herself and his family by quarterly payments for the years 1898-1902 (five years).'

AT the Magistracy yesterday, Commander W. C. H. Hastings, Acting Police Magistrate, committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions, Mok Lai Sun, a student apothecary at the Government Civil Hospital, on a charge of demanding with menaces, the sum of $170 from Lai Ying Hon, a Chinese medical practitioner, on the 19th June, 1897. The complainant, a partner in the Tak On Tong druggist's shop, 118 Queen's Road Central, in June last prescribed for and attended for three consecutive days a stranger who at the end of that time informed him he was no better nor worse. On 17th June, a man surnamed Chen, employed at the Government Civil Hospital, came to his shop, and asked him to attend at the Hospital the next day and see the doctor. The complainant went there between 8 and 9 p.m., on the 18th, and saw defendant, who said the doctor had said that complainant had prescribed for a patient what the Analyst had described as a poison, and made the patient worse. If he wished to avoid trouble, he had better make a present to the Analyst. Defendant afterwards demanded $600, which complainant said he could not pay, and at the end of the interview that day he left the Hospital on the understanding he would return next day with $300. Next day, along with a friend named Mok San Nam, he went to the Hospital, and the amount was reduced to $170, and on the following day Mok San Nam took the $170 to defendant, and received the receipt produced. About the beginning of July, he met defendant in a shop in Stanley Street, and he again demanded money, $20 or $30 to take him home. Complainant refused to give the money, and on 20th August swore information against defendant. Hon. F. H. May, Captain Superintendent of Police, said a warrant was issued against the complainant for procuring abortion, and the reason it was not executed was that the evidence on which the warrant was granted was not available. Witness had tried to find the woman. He had no suspicion that the complainant had got the woman out of the colony.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS :—At *Kowloon*—Batuan, Progress, Propontis, H.I.G.M.S. Deutschland, Sishan, H.I.G.M.S. Kaiserin Augusta, Tordenskjold, San Joaquin.

*Aberdeen.*—(None).

*Cosmopolitan.*—Coptic.

LOCAL Composers, 6 Pieces, by Orange, Wards, &c. Xmas 1897. Price, $1.00.—Robinson Piano Company.

THE total amount of the subsidies given by the Japanese Department of Communications, so far, under the Steam Navigation Encouragement Law, has reached some 1,400,000 yen. When the amount applied for this year is added, the amount will reach three million yen.—*Kobe Chronicle.*

YESTERDAY afternoon (says the *Singapore Free Press* of the 15th inst.), a man named Ng Yok Pan went to the Chartered Bank and presented two cheques for a total value of over $1,300. The Bank officials suspected a forgery as the gentleman in whose name they were drawn had no account at the Bank, and the Police were called in. Mr Bell, the Chief Police Officer, went to investigate the matter, and on questioning Ng Yok Pan he found that he had been victimised. His story briefly was that a man named Wee Tek Sieuw, formerly a clerk in Government service, on Saturday purchased two brilliants from him, and on Sunday he purchased a third, the total value being considerably over $1,700. He left the two cheques as security, and he was to decide yesterday at five o'clock whether he would take the brilliants or not. By five o'clock it had been discovered that the cheques were forgeries, and that the signature on them was not the least like that of Mr Blaney, of Punjom. The detectives were turned in search of Wee Tek Sieuw, and he, finding that the game was up, got on the roof of a house at the corner of North Bridge Road and Rochor Road in the hope of being able to evade the Police. He was seen, however, and arrested by Inspector Fairbrook. In his store, it was found that he had pawned the diamonds for $1,100.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, 20th March, 1898.

### RUSSIA AND CHINA.

The Chinese Government has offered to lease Ta-lien-wan to Russia and to allow the railway, provided Port Arthur remains Chinese. Negotiations are proceeding in Paris between M. Hanotaux and the Chinese Minister that China shall not cede any portion of the four provinces, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Yunnan, or Kweichow; for the prolongation of the railway from Lung Chau into Yunnan and for a coal station at Luchow.

### THE ANGLO-GERMAN CHINESE LOAN.

The Chinese loan has been issued in London and Berlin.

### DEBATE ON THE NAVAL ESTIMATES.

Mr Goschen mentioned in the debate that eight battle ships and cruisers and eight torpedo-boat destroyers were building in British yards for Japan and two torpedo-boat destroyers for China.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 22nd at 11.30 a. The barometer has risen generally, particularly in S. China. Pressure remains high over N. China and relatively low about the Gulf of Tongking. Gradients continue steep in the Formosa Channel and along the coast of S. China. Forecast:—strong N.E. and E. winds, decreasing; cloudy, misty.

## GOLFING TRIOLETS.

[The following *jeux d'esprit* represent an invitation and its reply sent and received to-day.—Ed. *C. M.*]

THE INVITATION.

The sun is hid, the air is cool,
Will you not play at golf to-day?
Won't you my faulty driving school?
The sun is hid, the air is cool,
At 5 I am let loose from school,
Then to the links let's hie away!
The sun is hid, the air is cool;
Will you not play at golf to-day?

THE REPLY.

At 5 o'clock I shall be free—
Praise Him from whom all blessings flow.
I'll meet you, flannelled, on the tee.
At 5 o'clock I shall be free;
At quarter past right readily
I'll meet you, beat you! Be it so!
At 5 o'clock I shall be free—
Praise Him from whom all blessings flow!

## THE BROUGH COMEDY COMPANY.

Whether Mr Oscar Wilde's so-called masterpiece be comedy, drama, or merely outrageous burlesque must have puzzled most of those who composed the very large audience at the initial performance in the Theatre yesterday evening. There is a trace of Gilbertian topsy-turvydom, a smack of 'The Private Secretary,' and a good deal of Oscar Wilde's own flippant cynicism about the 'The Importance of Being Earnest,'—not by nature, but by name, be it remarked—while the whole is a jumble of epigramatic platitudes strung on to the thinnest and most self-evident of plots. John Worthing, so-called because he was discovered in a Gladstone bag in a cloak-room at a railway station by Mr Cardew, who was at the time travelling to Worthing, falls in love with the Hon. Gwendoline Fairfax, a very much up-to-date young woman, who, among other peculiarities, swears only to marry a man with the Christian name of Ernest. Worthing is leading a double life. In town he is 'Ernest,' his supposed dissipated brother, while in the country he is plain 'John.' His friend, Algernon Moncrief, is leading a similar dual existence, only that he is himself in town and 'Bunbury,' or somebody else, in the country. The fit seizes him to impersonate John Worthing's bogus brother 'Ernest,' in which capacity he arrives at the Manor House, Woolton, just prior to the appearance of Worthing, who, finding his brother inconvenient, has disposed of that fictitious personage by demising him with a fit of chills in Paris. The complications which ensue are mildly amusing, the one redeeming feature being the end of the third act, the situations in which are well worked up.

Of the actors in this somewhat exigeant piece, too much cannot be said. They were, one and all, perfect in every respect, while the scenery and dresses were up to the usual high standard of the Brough Company. As 'John Worthing,' Mr Brough appeared to considerable advantage, acting heavily throughout, notably in the scene where he appears decked in the habiliments of woe on account of the bogus death of his bogus brother. Mrs Brough, as 'Gwendoline Fairfax,' whose opinion is that 'the only safe name is Earnest,' was also admirably suited, and seconded her talented husband with all her wonderful histrionic resources. Miss Jenny Watt-Tanner had an excellent part as 'Lady Macknell,' her cross-examination of the suitor for her niece's hand being hilariously funny. Miss Hardy played well as 'Cecily Cardew,' and sang 'Somebody Loves Me' very sweetly, an encore being demanded. Mr Shine, Mr Majeroni, Mr Maintyre and Miss Temple in minor parts were also well placed. 'The Importance of being Earnest' will be repeated this evening.

Local Composers, 6 Pieces, by Orange, Ward, &c. Xmas 1897. Price, $1.00.—Robinson Piano Company.

THE Osaka Asahi states that the factories in Osaka still continue to increase in number. There are now 199 factories employing steam, the aggregate horse-power of the same of last year being 9,427. Altogether the factories in Osaka numbered 5,224. The number of the operatives employed at the end of the year was 20,696 males and 26,703 females. Wages averaged 24.5 sen per head a day for males and 14.8 sen for females. The coal consumed by the factories during last year amounted to 329,093 tons, and coke 45,000 tons, in addition to a large quantity of charcoal and firewood.

## DEATH OF A WARD-MASTER AT THE CIVIL HOSPITAL.

INQUIRY AT THE MAGISTRACY.

At the Magistracy, yesterday and to-day, Commander W. C. H. Hastings, Acting Police Magistrate, held an inquiry into the death of Alfred Feltham, ward-master at the Government Civil Hospital, who was found dead in his room at the Hospital on the 17th inst.

Dr Atkinson said—I am Principal Civil Medical Officer. At 3.35 p.m. on the 17th inst., I was in my house at the hospital when I received a telephone message to go down and see Mr Feltham, the wardmaster. I went at once to his rooms at the hospital and found him lying dead on the sofa. I had seen him before that morning and he appeared to be in his usual health. Deceased had been employed three years in the hospital. He was formerly in the Army Medical Staff Corps. He always discharged his duties to my satisfaction. He was not in any monetary trouble so far as I know. I ordered the door of the room to be locked and telephoned to the Inspector of Police at No. 7 Police station. I was present at the post mortem examination on the 18th inst. As the cause of death was doubtful the contents of the stomach were handed over to the Analyst. If chloral was found in the stomach more must have been absorbed before death. Deceased had been dead quite an hour when I saw the body. Eighty grains of chloral would be a poisonous dose for the average man. Thirty grains has been known to prove fatal. As far as I know deceased was of temperate habits. He had been acting as dispenser for eighteen months during the absence of Mr Crowe on leave and had given every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties. He had been a dispenser in the Army Medical Staff Corps. The drugs were in his charge.

Cheung Shun said—I am an attendant at the Government Civil Hospital. On the 17th inst., at 1 p.m., I saw deceased go into his dining room and I followed to attend on him at tiffin. He told me I might go as he would go to sleep. At 3.35 p.m. I took some clothing into deceased's room and found him lying on his face on the sofa. There was a tumbler on the dining room table. I had not heard the deceased complain that day. He breakfasted as usual at 8.45 in the morning.

Robert Chapman said—I am the steward at the Government Civil Hospital. On the 17th, at 6.30 p.m., I was called by the last witness to see Mr Feltham. In deceased's right hand was a partly-smoked cigarette; near his left hand was a mirror. I sent for the doctor at once. As far as I know he was of temperate habits. I never saw him under the influence of liquor. I always understood that he was not hard pushed for money. If he did do it I cannot assign any reason for his poisoning himself.

H. B. Clough said—I am the manager and secretary of the New Club. I have known the deceased about six months. He confided all his private affairs to me. We were bosom friends. He was 28 years of age. I telephoned in reply to deceased's telephone on the morning of the 17th inst. that I had got tickets for him for the theatre. He telephoned back in the morning to say that he would not be down till after tiffin. He did not come and I sent the tickets up to him. I last saw deceased alive at 8.30 p.m. on the 16th inst. He was then in bed and was in his usual spirits. The reason he gave for being so early in bed was that he had nothing else to do. He was not in monetary difficulties and I think he had money in the bank. Lately he has been rather dejected. He had a sweetheart in England and about three months ago the engagement was broken. It was since then that I noticed the dejection.

Frank Browne, Government Analyst—On March 18, I received from Dr Lowson the contents of the stomach of Mr Feltham. It measured six ounces. I found that it contained 19 grains of chloral, and 3rd of a grain of morphia. On March 18, I received from Inspector Macdonald, a number of exhibits. Exhibit 5 consisted of a few particles of powder, which were morphine hydro-chlorine. The powder was found in deceased's bedroom. The tumbler, marked No. 9, contained a few drops of liquid in which chloral was present. I found nothing in the other exhibits. Deceased was my assistant. On the morning of March 17th, about ten o'clock, I received the following note. At the time I tore it up, but when he died I thought it would be advisable to get it. I got two pieces out of a dust-bin into which my waste-paper basket was emptied. I have supplied the missing words in red ink. The note reads: 'I have had a bad night, and have overslept myself. I will be in soon.—Yours, A.F.' These are his initials. Deceased came in shortly after I received this note, and said he was suffering very badly from neuralgia, and he had a very great pain on the left side of his head. He had obtained no sleep until half-past five o'clock that morning. I told him he need not trouble to do any work unless he wished. I saw him last at twelve o'clock on the 17th, when he appeared to be in very great pain. He could help himself to chloral. He was a trained dispenser, and well acquainted with the effects of the drug. For five weeks before his death, he appeared to be greatly depressed. He said he was suffering from bad news from the mail, the nature of which was such that it could not be mentioned. He regained his usual spirits in a few days. Within a week of his decease, he seemed to me to be quieter than usual.

Dr Jas. A. Lowson, Medical Officer in charge of the Public Mortuary—I examined the body of Alfred Feltham on 18th March. The stomach was considerably inflamed. The pancreas was acutely inflamed, and there was a hemorrhagic extravasation at the head of it, which reached down to the left kidney. There was no valvular disease of the heart. The remains of old pleurisy in the left lung was found. I do not think the condition I described could have been caused by chloral, likewise could not have been caused by morphia. If he took two chloral just before he was last seen, I do not think deceased could have absorbed more than he had in the stomach, as the absorbing power of the stomach must have been seriously impaired by the inflammation which must have been going on for at least twenty-four hours. I attribute death to syncope in acute gastritis and acute pancreatitis, possibly accelerated by a large medicinal dose of chloral. In that state he would be depressed. The chloral itself is not sufficient to kill him.

The finding of the Court was in accordance with medical the evidence. Cause of death—Syncope in acute gastritis and acute pancreatitis.

On Saturday night, two placards, in the Chinese character, were posted on the walls of Singapore. One was posted near the Municipal offices and the other outside The Dispensary of which Dr Lim Boon Keng is part owner. It is impossible to reproduce the text of these placards because of the scandalous nature of the accusations that they make against Dr Lim Boon Keng. It may be said, however, that they impugn generally his moral character and his medical trustworthiness and that they accuse him of various crimes. It is supposed that these placards are in some sort the outcome of the ill-feeling created by the recent acute controversy regarding the Tawchang question.—*Straits Times, March 14.*

## THE LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

SPEECH BY SIR JOHN CARRINGTON.

Yesterday afternoon, Sir John Carrington, the Chief Justice, presented the prizes to the successful candidates in the examinations, held in November and December, of the London College of Music. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. Amongst those present were:—Hon. W. M. Goodman, Hon. E. R. Belilios, Mr E. Ralphs (Local Secretary), Messrs G. Grimble, H. Sharp, D. R. Crawford, G. L. Duncan, J. McGregor Forbes, E. Mirow, Dr Bateson Wright, George Piercy, W. Machell, J. T. Smith, etc. etc.

After distributing the prizes and certificates to the successful candidates,

Sir John Carrington said—Ladies and gentlemen, on these occasions it is generally taken that an obligation is laid on the Chairman to make a few remarks. Now that is a very good thing when the Chairman happens to know something of the matter in hand. I do not know it is quite so good a thing when the Chairman happens to be totally ignorant of the matter in hand. That is my unhappy position this afternoon. Mr Ralphs was good enough to ask me to take the chair on this occasion, and I was weak enough to comply. I was weak enough,—because, ladies and gentlemen, I regard it as a great compliment to be asked to take the chair,—but still one would feel on firmer soil if one could have said, 'No, get somebody who knows something about music to make the few remarks necessary on this occasion.' Now, I must admit that there are a great many subjects on which I know little or nothing, and I must say this, that if there is one subject I know less of than another it is music. I may say my knowledge of the theory of music is nil, and I must admit that my skill in music is represented by what somebody once called the 'frightful minus quantity.' (Laughter.) I venture to say, ladies and gentlemen, I could empty this room in five seconds, and your eagerness to get out of the room would be so great that you would seek the nearest exit, regardless whether it was door or whether it was window (Laughter), and I could do that by beginning to sing. (Laughter.) That is what my wife would tell you if she were here, which I am sorry she is not. These are personal matters, however. While I have no knowledge of music, and while I have no skill in music, I am proud to claim myself as a great admirer and lover of music. Let me, first of all, touch upon a few practical points that arise on this occasion, and this, of course, chiefly concerns the London College of Music, under whose auspices these examinations are conducted, and also the system of examination in this Colony. With regard to the London College of Music, I gather from the 'Annual Register of the College,' which Mr Ralphs was good enough to send me, that it is a somewhat new organisation. It was established apparently in the year 1887, and incorporated so late as the year 1892. It seems to have an influential body of patrons and a very excellent body of examiners. Its system is, ladies and gentlemen, to hold examinations at various centres in the United Kingdom and in the Colonies, and to award certificates and prizes as the result of these examinations. In addition to that, they have a central institution at which musical students are trained. A very complete system of classes are taken at that institution. You will be glad to hear that the introductory remarks prefixed to the 'Annual Register' for this year speak of the past year, 1897, as being a record year. The institution seems to have thriven more than in any previous year. The numbers of successful candidates during the past year, are for the United Kingdom 7,284, and at foreign and colonial centres, 560. You will, I think, agree with me that that represents an enormous amount of good work in the cause of the furtherance of music, and the love of music. This is the way in which they speak of the work that has been done during the past year. 'Not only in the United Kingdom is this expansion of the College work taking place, but a steady and continued increase has been asserting itself at many of the foreign and colonial centres. Prominent in this respect may be mentioned centres in Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, China and India, and in each of these centres of the College capable and efficient representatives have been zealously performing, with conspicuous success, the duties allotted to them.' You will see in that paragraph China is mentioned as being one of the prominent centres of successful work during the past year, and when I turn to the list of centres at the end I find that the Chinese section is represented by Hongkong alone, so that they are in effect speaking of the work in Hongkong as being prominently successful. I think, ladies and gentlemen, we may congratulate ourselves on the good work Mr Ralphs, and the examiners who have so kindly helped him, have been doing in furthering the interests of the College of Music during the last year, and we may express the hope that in years to come we may see even wider and more successful work done in the Colony. I suppose one ought not to sit down without making definite acknowledgment of the thanks due to the examiners for conducting the examination, and to my friend on my left (Mr Belilios) for giving these handsome medals to those students. I am quite sure that the awarding of medals of this kind must serve as a stimulus to the study of music. I must say they are much handsomer than my hon. friend and myself are privileged to wear, and the lady and gentlemen who have received them to-day will wear them with pride and pleasure whenever they can get an opportunity of doing so. Ladies and gentlemen, I do not know that this is the time or occasion, or that there is now leisure to dwell on the delights and pleasures of music. I take it that the delights and pleasures are all realised by you who have come here this afternoon to countenance this good cause. I myself, although I know nothing whatever of music, am a great student of poetry, or rather have been when one had more time for it. You will find scattered up and down the works of the poets most charming references to the charms of music. This is the emphatic way in which Shakespeare, in the 'Merchant of Venice,' speaks of the delights and pleasures of music:—

> The man that hath no music in himself,
> Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,
> Is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils;
> The motions of his soul are dull as night,
> And his affections dark as Erebus;
> Let no such man be trusted.

You will see Shakespeare goes the length of saying the man who has no love of music in his soul is a man not to be trusted, a man given to dark, insidious ways, fit only for treasons, stratagems and spoils. This is what Pope says. It is in a somewhat different key:—

> By music minds an equal temper know,
> Nor swell too high, nor sink too low:
> If in the breast so tuneful joys arise,
> Think how soft sensations voice applies!
> Oh when the soul is pressed with cares,
> Exalts her in enlivening airs.

If you want to read poems in which the love of music and divine charm of music are dwelt on in the most admirable way, let me recommend you to read, as occurring first to my memory, Dryden's Ode on St Cecilia's Day. I think that we have in this poem what really brings home to one the ineffable charm there is in music and how music can raise the soul above the grosser things of this world, and raise it up to a higher region altogether. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I do not think it is necessary to dwell on that aspect of music, because I take it that you have all the love of music in your soul, and I venture to express the great pleasure the ladies and gentlemen present have in coming here this afternoon to support and countenance the work that has been done by Mr Ralphs and the examiners. I am quite sure that if the Governing Body of the Institution could be here this afternoon they would be greatly pleased with the interest taken in the work in Hongkong, and they would look forward to a future of greatly increased usefulness in their work. They would no doubt feel that the younger people would be coming forward in greater numbers to pass their examinations, and in that way music would be spread in Hongkong. It has been said that the English are not a musical people, like the people of Germany. Of late years, however, we have done a great deal to remove that reproach. Undoubtedly musical education, in the way of teaching at home now, is much more widespread and much more efficient than it used to be in past years, which probably many of us can remember, and we all hope and believe that that education will spread, and by and by, if there were such reproach levelled at us, that reproach will be taken away, and we will become a nation fond of music, a nation skilled in music, and that we will be successful in obtaining it not only in the United Kingdom but in this little centre of Hongkong. (Applause).

Mr Belilios said—It is with much pleasure I rise to propose a vote of thanks to His Honour the Chief Justice for so kindly and so ably presiding over these interesting proceedings. Sir John Carrington has shown himself during his brief residence here—I hope it may be prolonged to a very long stay—he has shown himself a most earnest friend of education. (Hear hear.) He is, like myself, anxious to see the rising race better informed than their forefathers,—(hear, hear)—better able to fight the battle of life. He is also, I know, desirous that they should learn how to use lethal weapons to defend what has been consigned to them from our forefathers. I am sure we all appreciate the trouble His Honour has taken, and the time he has spent to attend these and other gatherings to encourage and aid the youth of the Colony by his presence, his support and his advice. With these few remarks, I propose that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the chairman for having presided and for having distributed the medals and the prizes (Applause).

Sir John Carrington—Ladies and gentlemen, I am much obliged to Mr Belilios for the kind way he has spoken of my coming here, and you, ladies and gentlemen, for so cordially responding to what he has said.

The medals presented by Mr Belilios to Miss Ley Kum and Mr Frank Crawford, are of very unique design, David playing before Saul being represented on one medal and Miriam playing being represented on the other.

## QUARANTINE AGAINST HONG-KONG.

A SINGAPORE OPINION.

Singapore, March 15.

From a paragraph in another column, it will be seen that the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce has unavailingly asked the Singapore Chamber of Commerce to influence the decision of the Government, regarding the quarantine on vessels from Hongkong. We think that the Committee of the Singapore Chamber is to be congratulated on having decided that it would be unadvisable to endeavour, in any way, to influence the judgment of the Straits Government. It is with the greatest regret that quarantine is imposed against vessels coming from a friendly and neighbouring port such as Hongkong is. The inconvenience of such quarantine regulations is considerable to Singapore, although, doubtless, more considerable still to Hongkong. Yet, nevertheless, the situation is one in which it seems to be the strict duty of the Government to do what it considers necessary for the public safety. Situated as Singapore is—midway between Hongkong, where there is a small bubonic outbreak, and Bombay, where there is a destructive bubonic plague—the greatest care is necessary. The Chinese population of Singapore is huge, and, if a bubonic plague were introduced here, the possibility of disastrous results would be enormous. Apart from the possible huge loss of life which might follow, there is the commercial side of the question. Singapore exists largely as a distributing and collecting port. If the bubonic plague were introduced into Singapore, neighbouring ports, such as Rangoon, Ceylon, and the ports of Siam, of the Philippines and of Netherlands India, would, in their turn, impose quarantine regulations against vessels from Singapore with evil results to the trade of Singapore. Having all these things in view, the Committee of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce wisely decided that the Chamber must not seek to influence the Government. The Government, on the other hand, is prepared, we understand, to apply the quarantine regulations in the most reasonable way. When vessels come in without Chinese passengers, they will, on showing a clean bill of health, probably be granted pratique at once; and the P. and O. Company have shown their usual foresight and wisdom by instructing that their mail vessels shall not, at present, carry Chinese passengers. It would be exceedingly well if the Messageries Maritimes and the North German Lloyd, being also mail lines, would follow the same prudent example. In that case, the quarantine regulations would be made available against vessels carrying Chinese passengers; and, as such vessels will always take six days from Hongkong to Singapore, and sometimes seven days, the extra two, or, at the most, three days' quarantine cannot very injuriously affect them. The great thing is to keep the port of Singapore free from any outbreak of bubonic plague, and it is to be hoped that, with sufficient discretion, that may be done.—*Straits Times.*

IN conversation a German politician expressed the opinion that the situation in the Far East was far more serious than was generally supposed, especially in regard to Great Britain and Russia. These two nations, he said, have taken a certain stand from which neither can retire without loss of honour and dignity. This view is borne out by the St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Berliner Tageblatt*, who says that it is generally believed that the moment has arrived for a severe tussle for supremacy in China between Great Britain and Russia. For this the latter Power has been working quietly for years past. England, it is said, dare not risk a serious conflict owing to the situation in India. An Anglo-Japanese combination is not feared, for it is asserted that the war, when it comes, will be a land war.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE CORPS AMAH'S JACKET.

*To the Editor of the* 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, March 21.

Dear Editor, I'm harmless
As any babe may be,
And dreamy, and quixotic,
And lamb-like in degree
That's past all full expressing,
Because I'm modest too,
I'll therefore be digressing
And say I'm shocked that you—
Should let your tub philosopher,
When too too broadly joking,
Tell folks that fuses when in guns
Are aye through vent-holes smoking;
They don't put fuses there at all,
Much less a fuse that's burning,
But just a tube, no more, no less,
That's common gunners' learning,
Which that dear tub philosopher
Should well have known ere this,
Also that ammunition
At times defective is.
Also, for aught like jackets
That gun was much too small,
And naught save wee wee oil-rags
Were over there at all.

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## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

The ninth ordinary general meeting of this Company was held in the offices of the General Managers, this afternoon. Mr Robert Shewan presided. There were also present—Hon. C. P. Chater, Messrs J. Orange, Li Sing (Consulting Committee), G. Murray Bain, J. R. Michael, Fung Wa Chuen, W. S. Bailey, D. Gillies, Ho Tung, and F. J. V. Jorge (Secretary).

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen—As you are all familiar with the contents of the Report and Accounts, it is not necessary to read them now. The net profit is $58,738.31, as against $46,117.12 last year, but the dividend proposed is 25 per cent on the old shares as against 7 per cent last time. We are bound to put something to Reserve in accordance with our Articles, so we have named the nominal sum of only $1,000 for this purpose. The reason for this is that we find a strong feeling exists amongst the old shareholders that anything put aside for Reserve, or carried forward, to next year would benefit the new shareholders to a greater extent than the old, and to allay this feeling and satisfy the old shareholders, it is deemed best to devote, as far as possible, the whole profit to payment of dividend this year. Shareholders must however, bear in mind that this is a very exceptional case, that our policy must be to build up a good Reserve, and that anything approaching such a dividend need not be looked for again. Owing to the increased cost of coal, our prices had to be raised accordingly. This, no doubt, had the effect of checking sales, but in any case I do not think we could have sold much more than we did, as our stock at the end of the year was only a moderate one, though larger than the previous years, which was much too low. At Green Island, the factory was kept steadily at work, and we managed to increase the production by about 81 per cent. on last year's, but although we continue our efforts in this direction I doubt if we shall manage to squeeze much more out of our present installation over there. We may be able to do a little better when the Schofer Kiln is in full swing, but that process is still in the experimental stage, and cannot yet be pronounced an undoubted success. As we anticipated, we have had difficulty with the climate, quality of coal, etc., but these have been fairly well overcome, and as you can understand it is well worth all the trouble we have had if only to obtain a kiln which will burn coal at half the cost of our present fuel—coke. Our trouble at the present moment is however, of another kind, and arises from the bricks swelling and sticking in the top of the kiln instead of passing easily down to the fire below; but with a little more experience this will no doubt be got over too, and we shall then have a very improved and economical kiln. I mention these details as some shareholders appear to think one has only to build a few kilns and start making cement right away, but it is one thing to build a kiln and another thing to get it to work properly, as was found in the case of the Hoffmann Kiln. The Schofer Kiln should, however, effect a great saving, and it was not without carefully weighing the pros and cons that we decided to try it, nor have we, so far, any reason to regret our action. At Deep Water Bay, the result has been disappointing, owing chiefly to the high price of coal. We have a new superintendent there now, and other changes have been made in the staff there, which, we think, will effect an improvement in the future. The site for the New Works at Hok Un is nearly all levelled, and will, we think, be ready for building operations next month. A good part of the machinery has been ordered from home, but we do not expect to make another call of capital till, say, 30th June next. You will notice that 1,210 new shares have not been taken up by the old shareholders, who were entitled to them, and as ample time has been given those shareholders, to come forward, we now propose to proceed at once to forfeit these shares. In regard to the paragraph in last night's *China Mail*, I can only say our Shanghai agents advise us that their tender was about 8 candareens per barrel lower than the one that was accepted. Before I move the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr Michael—Do I understand from your report that this is an exceptional dividend to old shareholders on account of the old shareholders having asked for the full benefit of the profit of 1897, because I think actual investors would rather have a steady dividend than a fluctuating one.

The Chairman—Yes; the dividend is an exceptional one because the old shareholders wished to benefit from the profits of 1897. Next year, we will have to put a larger sum to the reserve fund, as we put only $1000 to reserve this year. You must not expect so large a dividend as 25 per cent next year.

As there were no further questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts.

Mr Gillies seconded.

Agreed.

Mr Murray Bain proposed the re-election of Messrs Ewens, Orange, Li Sing, Chater and MacEwen on the Consulting Committee.

Mr Bailey seconded.

Agreed.

Mr Michael proposed that Messrs Jas. H. Cox and F. Henderson be re-elected Auditors for 1898.

Mr Fung Wa Chuen seconded.

Agreed.

The Chairman—I thank you for your attendance, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow. (Applause).

## NOTES FROM CHEKIANG.

*(From Our Own Correspondent.)*

THE NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES.

Wenchow, March 8.

Chinese New Year was not kept with all the customary signs of rejoicing at Wênchow. There was but little decoration to be seen in the streets, and the bonfires—so abundant last year—were chiefly conspicuous through their absence, only a few being noticeable here and there along the city wall. Crackers were let off, but in comparison with last year the number was very small. It is said that at Wuhu so many thousands of crackers are used on New Year's eve that the next morning the streets are literally strewn thickly with red paper, and the joke common, among the Chinese inhabitants is that 'red snow' has fallen throughout their city during the night! No such thing could be said of Wênchow this time certainly, whatever it may have been in years gone by.

As a rule, in China, official calls on New Year's Day begin as early as 6 o'clock, and up at Peking the Emperor is known to receive about 3 or 4 o'clock, but here they did not begin till 9 o'clock. The Taotai, being the highest in rank, received first, all the magistrates calling on him according to rank, except the Chuntai, who only sent his card, as, though he is not *quite* as high as the Taotai, yet he is greatly his senior both in age and in the time he has held office in this province. After these visits, at which much ceremony was observed, the other officials retired to their own residences, and each one in turn received calls from all his subordinates. One magistrate was sent off to Hangchow, the capital of the Province, at the beginning of the week to pay the Taotai's respects to the Governor, and to report on the condition of this part of the world.

In other places in China the yamêns are officially sealed up about a week before New Year's Day, and then no work may be done practically for about three weeks, at the expiration of which time the seals are again solemnly broken. Here, however, no such ceremony took place; the officials contented themselves with the usual Custom's holiday and just sealed up the yamêns for those few days, nor did they make any formal affair of reopening them for business puposes.

POLITICAL SPECULATIONS.

The people here all appear thoroughly disheartened, they have had a bad harvest this year which has much to do with it, and besides, they think that great things are going on outside their little city in the other parts of the Celestial Empire, of which they can hear next to nothing, as they are so shut off from the rest of the world, the trade of this port being so small that only a limited number of junks find it worth while to put in here.

The Wenchowites have an idea that Russia, Japan, and even England will soon be engaged in active warfare, and that China will eventually be divided up into three equal portions and distributed amongst these nations! Also, as becomes patriotic citizens, they think that the struggle to get beauteous Wenchow will be tremendous! The nation to which this port is allotted would come off pretty badly we think! Already some of the Chinese are asking when the foreign gunboat will come and take possession of the place, and all sorts of wild stories are afloat throughout the city and outlying districts. The washerman to the foreign community inquired, in all earnestness, if the people were expected to cut off their pigtails at once, or if they might wait till the English took formal possession of the port! He had quite made up his mind that the English, and no one else, should get Wenchow as part of their share! Other Chinese have fully decided that when the English do come here, the Consul will be made Governor of the city, and they want to know if he will then take up his official residence in the city instead of on the island.

DISBANDING THE CHINESE TROOPS.

The Chuntai has been commanded to disband large numbers of his troops, and now he has only his ordinary body-guard and a few soldiers scattered here and there about the city—nothing to what he used to have. The discharged troops are wandering about and stirring up the people to rebellion, and already there are slight signs of disturbance in some of the villages round about Wênchow. If a riot should take place the Chuntai would not be able to lend much aid to foreigners, his number of soldiers being so limited; we can only hope that no riot like that of 1884 may occur. The memory of that dreadful time is still fresh in the minds of several residents.

OFFICIAL SQUEEZES.

The smaller and most unscrupulous officials are trying to squeeze all they possibly can out of the people, and then they hope to make a bolt with their ill-gotten gain before any serious rebellion takes place, which they all unite in thinking is imminent within the next six months.

The people, who are thoroughly depressed by the persistent squeezing of the officials, openly declare that nothing shall induce them to help their rulers, and if any other nation comes to take possession of Wênchow they surrender at once and turn against their own officials; the latter, knowing this, are dreadfully frightened at the grave turn things are taking.

The Chinese authorities are not remarkable for bravery as a rule, nor have they the knack of gaining the love of their subordinates; they only seem to think of their personal aggrandisement during their tenure of office.

THREATENED RIOTS.

Altogether the Wênchow natives are in a very restless state and there is no doubt that everything is ready for a riot. The secret societies, of which there are a good many round about here, are doing their best to stir up an anti-foreign movement, and the missionaries report incivility among the natives in some of the outlying districts where they go to preach.

It is to be hoped that these are only passing troubles, but there is reason for grave fears that this may not be the case. It was given out some little time ago that there was to be a massacre of all foreigners in this port on Sunday, Jan. 30th, but the day passed off without the semblance of a riot even. The Chinese authorities took the precaution of having extra patrols in the streets of the city, and they also sent a small band of soldiers in the most disaffected district without the city walls, and had two native gunboats stationed near the inland inspectorate only one. These measures evidently terrified the rebellious inclined.

## DEATH OF MR H. COOK.

RESULT OF INQUIRY.

At the Magistracy to-day, Commander W. C. H. Hastings, Acting Police Magistrate, concluded the inquiry into the death of Mr H. Cook, late Secretary and Manager of the New Club, who was found dead in bed in his room at the New Club, on 9th inst.

W. D. Sutton—I am an assistant in Watson and Co.'s. I made up the prescription in the bottle produced, and sold to Mr Cook, about five weeks ago from last Sunday. The mixture contained—Ipicac. Wine, 10 minims, compound tincture of camphor 20 minims, syrup of squills, 30 minims, infusion of senega, ½ ounce. It contained no chloral. The whole quantity in the six-ounce bottle only contains one grain of opium. I cannot account in any way for the presence of chloral in the bottle. It was a simple, every-day medicine for a cough, which I prescribed myself. I have no knowledge of any drops being sent to deceased some time in January, to steady his nerves. He came in a few days after I dispensed the cough mixture, and bought some 'Geraudel's Pastilles.' These do not contain chloral. I did not supply him with anything else, nor do I know of anyone else who supplied him with anything else.

The following letter was read from Messrs John D. Humphreys and Son, General Managers of Messrs A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.:—

'The Hongkong Dispensary,
19th March, 1898.

Commander W. C. H. Hastings, R.N.,
Acting Magistrate.

'Sir,—With reference to the enquiry which took place yesterday, in connection with the death of Mr H. Cook, we think it only right to inform you that no chloral whatever was supplied by us to the deceased.

'We also think it necessary to at once bring this to your notice, because Dr Lowson's evidence might give rise to false impressions in the public mind.

'No one in our firm would be allowed to give more than one dose of chloral to anyone without a doctor's prescription. The B. P. dose is from 5 to 30 grains.'

The Magistrate's verdict was as follows:—Death resulted from an overdose of chloral. I think it right to say that there is nothing at all to show that deceased intended to take his life.

## NAVAL AND MILITARY RIFLE MEETING.

A rifle meeting was held on the Naval Ranges at Kowloon and Stonecutter's Island on the 18th and 19th inst. respectively. The weather was favourable, and some very good shooting was shown.

In contrast to previous meetings, most of the prizes were won by the Navy, the *Immortalité* being the most successful ship.

On the first day, a Cup was presented by the Officers of the Fleet for competition amongst Officers of the Foreign men-of-war present in harbour, and great interest was shown in the event, amongst the spectators being the Naval Commander-in-Chief, Vice Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, K.C.B.

On both days, there were Ladies' Competitions, the prize on the second day being presented by the Officers of H.M.S. *Tamar*, and the events were very keenly contested. Needless to say, the presence of the fair sex, and the music discoursed by the naval and military Bands on each day, tended in a very great degree to make the meeting a highly successful one.

List of prize-winners is attached:—

200 yards.—Open to C.P.O.'s, P.O. 1 class, and Sergeants—
1 C. P. O. Morris, *Immortalité.*
2 C. P. O. Grant, *Centurion.*
3 Col.-Sergt. Rogers, R.G.R.

200 yards.—Open to Rank and File—
1 P. O. 2 class King, *Centurion.*
2 A. B. Clarke, *Centurion.*
3 A. B. Hayward, *Barfleur.*
4 A. B. Clayton, *Centurion.*
5 2nd Corpl. Ledingham, R.M.

200 yards.—Open to Officers—
1 Mr G. H. Coles, *Tamar.*
2 Surg. Jeans, *Immortalité.*
3 Capt. Warren, R.A.

500 yards.—Open to C.P.O.'s, P.O. 2 class and Sergeants—
1 P.O. 1 class Lloyd, *Centurion.*
2 Sergt. Dexter, R.M.L.I., *Barfleur.*
3 Sergt. Cross, R.M.L.I., *Immortalité.*

500 yards.—Open to Rank and File—
1 P.O. 2 class King, *Centurion.*
2 A. B. Caudwell, *Immortalité.*
3 A. B. Clarke, *Centurion.*
4 Pte. Bligh, R.G.R.
5 A. B. Simms, *Immortalité.*

500 yards.—Open to Officers—
1 Surg. Jeans, *Immortalité.*
2 Lieut. Thorp, *Immortalité.*
3 Mid. Halahan, *Immortalité.*

600 yards.—Open to C.P.O.'s, P.O. 1 class and Sergeants—
1 P.O. 1 class Veale, *Immortalité.*
2 Sgt. Gasson, R.M.A. *Tamar.*
3 Col. Sgt. Jones, R.G.R.

600 yards.—Open to Rank and File—
1 Gunr. Noble, R.M.A., *Barfleur.*
2 Pte. Brew, M.A.L.I., *Immortalité.*
3 A. B. Clarke, *Centurion.*
4 A. B. Scott, *Immortalité.*
5 Pte. Markham, *Immortalité.*

600 yards.—Open to Officers—
1 Capt. Warren, R.A.
2 Mid. Halahan, *Immortalité.*
3 Surg. Jeans, *Immortalité.*

THE AGGREGATE.—
1 Surg. Jeans, *Immortalité.*
2 P.O. 2 class King, *Centurion.*

600 yards.—Open to Teams of 6 aside—
1 H.M.S. *Immortalité.*
2 H.M.S. *Tamar.*

Scouts' Competition.—Open to teams of 4—
1 Marines, *Immortalité.*
2 Bluejackets, *Immortalité.*

Revolver.—Open to Officers—
1 Capt. Simonds, R.A.
2 Lieut. Dent, *Centurion.*
3 Lieut. Robertson, *Barfleur.*

Revolver.—Open to Men—
1 C. P. O. Morris, *Immortalité.*

Foreign Officers' Cup—
Won by Sub.-Lieut. Gaudecker, G.M.S. *Deutschland.*

Ladies' Competition.—First day—
Mrs Leigh.

Ladies' Competition.—Second day—
Mrs May.

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## Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Wally*, Captain J. BEHRENS, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 p.m., To-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th Inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
*Agents.*

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *CHUSAN*.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From LONDON, &c., ex s. s. *Australia* and *Shannon*. From GWADAR, ex s. s. *Kilwa*. From CALCUTTA, ex s. s. *Pulawan*. From PERSIAN GULF, ex s. s. *Patna* and *Kilwa*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 p.m., To-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 25th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
*Superintendent.*

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned BEFORE NOON ON THE 25TH MARCH, OR THEY WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 25th March will be subject to rent.

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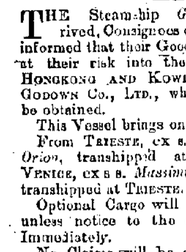
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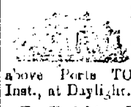
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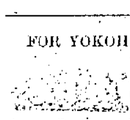


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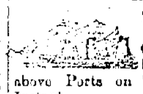
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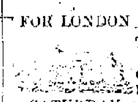
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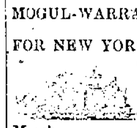
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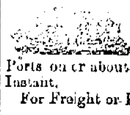
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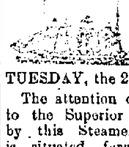
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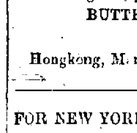
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Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 499

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Steamship *Benalder*, Captain POTTER, Master, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th April.

To be followed by:—
S.S. *Clarehill*, on or about 19th April.
S.S. *Merionethshire*, on or about 3rd May.
S.S. *Queen Margaret*, on or about 17th May.
S.S. *St Ninian*, on or about 31st May.
S.S. *Craigearn*, on or about 14th June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 15, 1898. 519

FOR SYDNEY, *VIA* THURSDAY ISLAND AND TOWNSVILLE.



The Steamship *Jacob Christensen* will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 5th April.

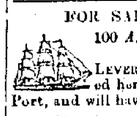
For Freight, apply to
GEO. R. STAVENS,
*Agent.*

Hongkong, March 21, 1898. 593

## Shipping.

### Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

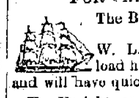


100 *A.1.* British Ship *Imberhorne*, LEVER, Master, shortly expected here will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, March 19, 1898. 583

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.



The British Barque *West York*, W. L. FORSTER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1898. 481

## Insurances

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(*Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D.* 1714).

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £2,000,000.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £850,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue POLICIES against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & Co.,
*Praya Central.*

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1895, £12,433,131.

Authorised Capital.....£3,000,000.0.0
Subscribed Capital.....£2,750,000.0.0
Paid-up Capital..... £687,500.0.0
Fire Funds.....£2,001,016.2.9

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to Accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, July 23, 1896. 1547

## Intimations.

AMERICAN SYSTEM
OF
DENTISTRY,
AT
39, *QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.*
CHADWICK KEW.
(LATE OF POATE & NOBLE.)

Hongkong, July 12, 1897. 2586

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Hongkong, August 3, 1897. 1373

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DORABJEE NOWROJEE,
*Proprietor.*

Hongkong, Feb. 24, 1898. 414

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## Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;
ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON SATURDAY, the 26th March, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *OCEANIEN* Capt. SOMMITZ, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES *via* BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s.s. *Ville de la Ciotat*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 7th April, direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 25th March. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
*Agent.*

Hongkong, March 12, 1898. 537

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

*N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in EUROPE.*

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Bayern*..... | Wednesday | March 30. |
| *Prinz Heinrich* | Wednesday | April 27. |
| *Preussen*..... | Wednesday | May 25. |
| *Sachsen*..... | Wednesday | June 22. |
| *Bayern*..... | Wednesday | July 20. |
| *Prinz Heinrich* | Wednesday | August 17. |
| *Darmstadt*..... | Wednesday | Sept. 14. |
| *Preussen*..... | Wednesday | October 12. |
| *Sachsen*..... | Wednesday | November 9. |
| *Bayern*..... | Wednesday | Dec. mber 7. |
| *Prinz Heinrich* | Wednesday | Jan. 4, 1899. |

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1898, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *BAVERN*, Captain E. PEERN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 28th Instant, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office, until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 2, 1898. 450



STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

*Through Bills of Lading issued for* BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *THAMES*, Captain S. BARCHAM, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 2nd April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
*Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 21, 1898. 590

## Mails.

### U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

*VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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|---|---|
| *City of Rio de Janeiro* (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama & H'lulu) | WEDNESDAY, March 23, at daylight. |
| *City of Peking* (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) | SATURDAY, April 9, at noon. |
| *China* (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) | SATURDAY, April 30, at noon. |

THE U.S. Mail S.S. *CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, TO-MORROW, the 23rd March, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, *viâ* Overland Railway, to Havana Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value if same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
*Agent.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 456

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, *VIA* THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

*VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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|---|---|
| *Gaelic* (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) | THURSDAY, March 31, at noon. |
| *Doric* (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu) | TUESDAY, April 19 at noon. |
| *Belgic* (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) | Tuesday, May 10, at noon. |

THE Co.'s Steamship *GAELIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

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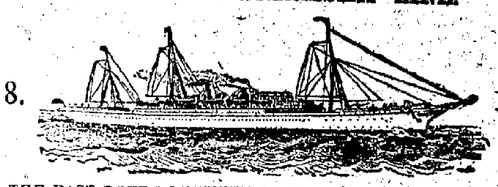
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J. S. VAN BUREN,
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(*Subject to Alteration.*)

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*EMPRESS OF INDIA*....Comdr. C. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R..WEDNESDAY, 27th April/98.
*EMPRESS OF JAPAN*...Comdr. GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 18th May/98.

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PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, March 17, 1898. 565

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| Steamers. | Destinations. | Sailing Dates. |
|---|---|---|
| *KANAGAWA MARU*, J. MACKENZIE, | KOBE and YOKOHAMA. | FRIDAY, 25th Mar., at 4 p.m. |
| **YAMASHIRO MARU* J. JONES, | NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. | TUESDAY, 29th March, at 4 p.m. |
| *TOKIO MARU*, E. W. HASWELL, | SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, *Via* THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE. | FRIDAY, 1st April, at 4 p.m. |

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A. S. MIHARA, *Manager.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 390

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
*Via* Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH Northern Pacific Railway Co.

| Steamer. | Tons | Captain. | Proposed Sailing. |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Columbia*... | 2616 | A. Gow..... | April 6 |
| *Tacoma*..... | 2549 | A. Dixon..... | April 26 |
| *Victoria*... | 3167 | J. Truebridge.... | May 17 |
| *Olympia*... | 3406 | T. H. Dobson.... | June 7 |

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.

| Steamer. | Tons | Captain. | Proposed Sailing. |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Mogul*..... | 1654 | W. H. Wright.... | Mar. 29 |
| *Argyll*... | 900 | W. Ward..... | May 3 |
| *Brasmar*... | 950 | S. Porter..... | May 24 |
| *Mogul*..... | 65 | W. H. Wright.... | June 14 |

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DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
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Hongkong, March 18, 1898. 574

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## MR JOHN DILL ROSS ON AMOY.

The following extract is taken from a letter by Mr John Dill Ross in the *Singapore Free Press*:—

We reached Amoy in due course, and although my stay in that port was limited to a few hours I found much that was pleasant and interesting about the place. The European inhabitants of Amoy live in a pretty little island, situated within an easy distance by sampan from the Chinese city. The island of Kulang-su is full of pretty and well-kept roads and green lanes. Charming homes peep out through the trees hither and thither, and a nice little club offers its hospitality to the visitor. It is said that life in Amoy can be made very pleasant, and to me the place seemed to have many attractions. The European commercial quarter is on the Bund, a diminutive, dirty, and dilapidated rendering of our Collyer Quay at Singapore. Behind this 'bund' there is a vast, foul and reeking Chinese city, into which nothing would tempt me. Of mud and misery I have seen more than enough, nor do I want to run up against any more dreadful odours than those which I have already experienced. I dearly love the picturesque, as long as it looks pretty and smells sweet, but under no other conditions. Let others describe Amoy! There is still a tea trade of sorts out of Amoy, and this port sends thousands of coolies to Singapore. Other commerce doubtless vivifies the mercantile life of Amoy, but this is a matter which will hardly interest the gentle reader.

## THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

Shanghai, March 16.

According to the latest telegrams from Peking, the Russian Government has stated that Russia will consider the Chinese Government to have accepted her demands re Port Arthur and Talienwan, if no definite answer be given by the 26th inst.

The Chinese Government has ordered her Minister in St. Petersburg to conduct the negociations on behalf of China as regards Russia's demands re Port Arthur and Talienwan, and has instructed him to open direct negociations with the Russian Government on the subject.

The British Minister in Peking has advised the Government to act in a firm and decided manner with reference to Russia's demands.—*China Gazette.*

THE STRUGGLE IN PEKING.

Our Special Correspondent at Peking writes on the 10th inst., as follows:—On the 3rd inst. the Russian *Chargé d'Affaires* went to the Tsungli Yamen and formerly laid a proposal before the Ministers for the leasing by his Government of Port Arthur and Talienwan on the same terms as those upon which the Germans have acquired Kyao Chao. He requested that a reply should be given within five days. For many years it has been the prime object of Russian ambition to obtain a good port in the Far East, in fact ever since the Treaty by which Russian fleets were confined to the Black Sea, and now, at length it would appear that her aspirations in this direction are about to be gratified. There are several reasons which make the present an opportune time for pressing this demand upon the Chinese Government. First and foremost there is the helplessness of China, unsupported, to offer resistance. Secondly, there is the desire of Russia to construct a railway through Liaotung having its terminus at Port Arthur. To obtain permission to do this she had proposed to lend China the money which the latter so urgently needs; but in this scheme, as has been seen, Russia was opposed and finally baffled by the superior diplomacy of the British. Russia had an idea that if she could make this Liaotung Railway she need be in no hurry to occupy Port Arthur; but the railway plan having, for the present at all events, been frustrated, she has resolved not to let Port Arthur slip from her grasp, and so she keeps her warships there. Thirdly, though England has done nothing about Liaotung she has got many important privileges and concessions in the South, especially in the Province of Yunnan, where several places have been opened to her trade. She has also recently secured the opening of Chingsi and Yochow, and has got the right of steam navigation in the inland lakes and rivers, and moreover, China has promised that if she is ever forced to part with the Yangtse Valley she will give the whole of this immense territory to England. Then by means of the Loan put through by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, England has practically got control of the *likin* in the six Provinces, Chekiang, Kiangsu, Kiangsi, Hunan, Hupeh, and Szechuen, in all of which the *likin* is in future to be collected by Customs officers managed by Englishmen. All these things naturally excited a great deal of envy in the Russian mind, and the Russian demand now is that they must be given privileges in the North by way of compensation and that the balance of power must be preserved. The proposal of the Russians to construct a railway through Manchuria created much suspicion among the Chinese, whose former confidence in their Russian 'friends' was thereby more than half destroyed. Whatever credit the *bond fides* of Russian friendship may have had in China after that proposal was utterly destroyed by the attitude she took in connection with the misunderstanding between Germany and China in Shantung. When the Germans occupied Kyao Chao the Russians in effect said 'Let us remain a little time at Port Arthur, and the Germans, thinking our occupation is to be permanent, and is the outcome of a secret alliance between us and China, must quickly evacuate Shantung. In fact, we will compel them to do so.' There being no other course open to China at the time she adopted that policy, but directly Russia got hold of Port Arthur she manifested very different intentions. 'Here I am now,' she says 'and here I will remain,' *Je suis, je reste*, and never a word about Kyao Chao, or the Germans, or any other of her 'ally's' difficulties, but only more grasping and demanding at every turn. The episode has swept away every vestige of the confidence which China formerly had in her northern neighbour. China has at length recognised that there is no earthly chance of disinterested friendship between her and Russia, and it is extremely improbable that she can ever be deceived again. There is a widespread feeling here that China cannot allow the Russians to remain at Port Arthur, at all events without a struggle, and Li Hung-chang told some of his friends lately that Russia would never get permanent hold of the place by diplomacy or negotiations.

The British Minister, Sir Claude Macdonald, was at the Tsung-li Yamen a long time yesterday, and the Japanese Minister, Mr Yano, paid a visit there to-day.—*China Gazette.*

We are threatened by a new terror! A Roumanian pianoforte maker has announced his intention of sending to the Paris Exposition a pianoforte of such atrociously that its tones can be heard at a distance of over six miles! And, strange to say, a musical contemporary is hugely delighted at the prospect. A piano of this calibre, playing Wagner music, might be trusted to clear the Exhibition within five minutes in case of any panic.

## GOLD STANDARD WITH LITTLE GOLD.

The Dutch Minister of Finance has expressed his opinion on the currency system in the Netherlands. He said:—People are astonished the gold reserve of the Netherlands Bank never shrinks to nil. Nothing is less surprising.

The Bank requires a certain amount of metal—gold and silver—for its business and it has not enough silver money. It is therefore not a matter of chance that it always has considerable reserve of gold. The stock of silver although great is nevertheless insufficient to admit of the Bank holding so much precious metal as it ought to possess. If the amount of silver held does not go above the present stock eighty-four million guilders—I will go further—if it does not mount above a hundred millions there is no necessity to be anxious.

We never know what may occur. Silver may be imported from Java, which has happened before, but confidence will be increased when it is known that the law of 1884 will act as a safety valve, for by the melting and sale of surplus silver money the evil will be cured.

I wish the confidence I possess and which I can support with figures may also exist in commercial circles. It must not be supposed that the low price of unminted metal renders our currency system any less safe than formerly. Too much importance should not be attached to counterfeit silver money in Netherlands India. It cannot be true that millions are in circulation and if it were the fact that sixty per cent of the silver coming from Java is false coin is not of much importance because very little is imported. The situation requires care, but the Government is on the alert. If the state of affairs were dangerous the supply of silver in the Java and in the Netherlands Bank would be continually increasing, but this is not the case.

Whether further measures are necessary in the interest of our currency system depends in a great measure on the nervous state. The currency question can be discussed in such a manner as to make one's self and others anxious. Therein lies the great danger. But if people pay attention not only to the less favourable phenomena and people consider the question judicially and calmly, then the bright side of the question will be seen and increased confidence will be the result.

ACCORDING to a Glasgow correspondent, Clyde shipbuilders are forced to decline all fresh work requiring to be delivered within a year and a half, work having so accumulated during the dispute as to guarantee full employment in all departments for over a year. Private dockyards are filled with steamers awaiting their engines, and it is calculated that the work on hand and to be commenced amounts to 450,000 tons. The Scotch engineering delegates cannot meet the demand for turners and fitters.

LORD Chelmsford, speaking at the Royal United Service institute on 'Army Organisation,' and alluding to the difficulty of keeping up battalion *esprit de corps* that would occur if both the officers and men changed in a short period of years, said:—'In the case of the Rifle Brigade, 1st battalion, which was just returning home after being on foreign service for seventeen years, it had been said that of the original battalion the only portion that would return home would be the mess plate; but the officers had remained there and had identified themselves with them; such could not be the case if the system of reform advocated by Col. Legard were carried out.'

A STORY, for the veracity of which I cannot vouch, but which may be worth re-telling, is related in connection with our late visitors the Russian cruisers, *Navarin* and *Sissoi Veliky*. A well-known official resident of Singapore, whose name is no matter—made a private visit to one of the cruisers. On reaching the deck, he was accosted by a burly Russian petty officer, who demanded in broken English, 'Vat you want, Sir?' 'Oh, I have just come to make a call,' replied the other. 'Coal!' repeated the Russian with a self-satisfied smile. 'Ve want no coal. Ve got all zer coal ve want at Penang. So, bon jour, Monsieur, and be tamned to your coal!' So saying, he walked away, leaving the mystified official in a state of bewilderment. It is said that it took the gentleman the rest of the day to find out the cause of the Russian's mistake.—*Straits Times.*

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

March 21st.—AT 4 P.M.

| Station. | Barometer. | Temperature. | Humidity. | Wind. Direction. | Wind. Force. | Weather. | Rain. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W'postock | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Tokio | 29.82 | — | — | N | 6 | — | — |
| Kochi | 29.99 | — | — | N | 3 | — | — |
| Nagasaki | 30.07 | — | — | N | 6 | — | — |
| Kagoshima | 30.03 | — | — | N | 4 | — | — |
| Gutzlaff | 30.0 | — | — | NNE | 0 | qm | — |
| Sharp Pk | 30.09 | 54 | 80 | NNE | 7 | o | — |
| Amoy | 30.04 | 67 | 69 | NE | 3 | o | — |
| Swatow | — | — | — | E | 2 | o | — |
| Canton | 29.96 | 71 | 91 | SSE | 1 | od | — |
| Hongkong | 29.9 | 66 | 78 | E | 1 | o | — |
| Viet. Peak | — | — | — | SE | 7 | — | — |
| Gap Rock | 29.92 | — | — | ENE | 4 | — | — |
| Macao | 29.92 | 68 | — | ESE | 1 | o | — |
| Haiphong | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Bolinao | 9 82 | 83 | 71 | NW | 2 | b | — |
| Manila | 29.80 | 84 | 71 | SSE | 1 | b | — |
| C.S. James | — | — | — | SE | 5 | f | — |

March 22nd.—AT 10 A.M.

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| Tokio | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Kochi | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Nagasaki | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Kagoshima | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Gutzlaff | 30.40 | 43 | 67 | NNE | 4 | o | — |
| Sharp Pk | 30.32 | 50 | 79 | NE | 5 | o | — |
| Amoy | 30.24 | 58 | 81 | NE | 2 | o | — |
| Swatow | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Canton | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Hongkong | 30 15 | 62 | 76 | E | 6 | o | — |
| Viet. Peak | — | — | — | ESE | 0 | — | — |
| Gap Rock | 30.18 | — | — | ENE | 0 | — | — |
| Macao | 30.17 | 66 | — | E | 2 | o | — |
| Haiphong | 29.95 | 74 | 88 | E | 3 | o | — |
| Bolinao | 29.9 | 80 | 74 | N | 3 | b | — |
| Manila | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| C.S. James | — | — | — | NE | 3 | o | — |

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant.*
Hongkong Observatory, March 22, 1898.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the Shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached clouds, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility less than 2 miles.

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The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

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23rd to 29th March.

| | | High Water. Hongkong Mean Time. | High Water. Height. | Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time. | Low Water. Height. |
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| | | h m | ft. in. | h m | ft in. |
| Wed. | 23 | m 8 58 | 8 8 | m 3 16 | —0 6 |
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| Thur. | 24 | m 10 2 | 8 11 | m 5 41 | —0 4 |
| | | 11 0 a | 8 8 | 4 11 a | —0 2 |
| Fri. | 25 | m 10 56 | 8 4 | m 6 8 | 0 0 |
| | | 11 41 a | 8 0 | 4 56 a | —0 2 |
| Sat. | 26 | m 10 50 | 7 8 | m 6 31 | —0 3 |
| | | | | 5 43 a | —0 7 |
| Sun. | 27 | m 0 25 | 7 5 | m 6 54 | —0 7 |
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| Mon. | 28 | m 11 4 | 7 3 | m 7 0 | —0 1 |
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3.—The commission charged is as follows (according to the currency the Order is drawn in):—

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(b.) Up to $10, or 20 rupees, 20 cts.; $15 or 30 rupees, 40 cts.; $25, or 50 rupees, 60 cts.; $50, or 100 rupees, 90 cts.; 150 rupees, $1.00.

4.—No Order must exceed $10 or $50 may be drawn on India, China and Japan in the [illegible]

## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—MARCH 22, 1898.

| *Stocks.* | *No. of Shares.* | *Value.* | *Paid-up.* | *Closing Quotations, Cash.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BANKS. | | | | |
| Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. | 30,000 | $ 125 | all | 189 % prem. = $331.25, sellers |
| Bank of China & Japan, Limited preference shares | 39,950 | £ 5 | £ 5 | nom. |
| ,, ordinary ,, | 199,870 | £ 8 | £ 2 2.10 | nom. |
| ,, deferred ,, | 1,250 | £ 1 | £ 1 | £5.5, buyers |
| National Bank of China, Limited | ... | £ 10 | £ 5 | £17, sellers |
| MARINE INSURANCES. | | | | |
| Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld. | 10,000 | $ 25 | $ 50 | $130 |
| China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld. | 24,000 | $ 33.3 | $ 25 | 67, sellers |
| North-China Insurance Co., Ltd. | 5,000 | £ 10 | £ 25 | £la. 198 |
| Straits Insurance Co., Ltd. | 30,000 | $ 10 | $ 25 | $13 |
| Union Insurance Society, Ld. | 40,000 | $ 250 | $ 50 | $220, sellers |
| Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd. | 8,000 | $ 100 | $ 60 | $140 |
| FIRE INSURANCES. | | | | |
| China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. | 20,000 | $ 100 | $ 20 | $100, sellers |
| Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. | 8,000 | $ 250 | $ 50 | $340, sellers |
| DOCKS. | | | | |
| H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld. | 12,500 | $ 12 | all | 251 % prm. = $438.75, ex [div., buyers |
| STEAMBOATS. | | | | |
| China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld. | 5,000 | $ 50 | all | $74, ex div. |
| Douglas Steamship Co., Limited | 40,000 | $ 50 | all | $69½, sellers |
| H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld | 60,000 | $ 15 | $ 1 | 127 |
| Indo-China S. N. Company, Limite | 30,000 | $ 10 | all | 60 |
| China Mutual S. N. Co. | 40,000 | $ 10 | £ 1 | £7.10, buyers |
| Do. (new issue) | 20,000 | $ 10 | £ 1 | £6.16, buyers |
| | | | | £2.15, buyers |
| REFINERIES. | | | | |
| China Sugar Company, Limited | 20,000 | $ 10 | all | $178, sellers |
| Luzon Sugar Company, Limited. | 7,000 | $ 10 | all | 141 |
| WHARVES. | | | | |
| H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co | 20,000 | $ 5 | all | $68, sellers |
| Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited. | 2,800 | $ 10 | $ 37 | 40, buyers |
| LAND AND BUILDING. | | | | |
| Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited. | 50,000 | $ 10 | $ 5 | $74, sellers |
| Kowloon Land and Building Company | 8,000 | $ 5 | $ 3 | $17 |
| Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co. | 15,400 | $ 1 | all | $8.25 |
| West Point Building Co., Limited. | 12,500 | $ 5 | $ 4 | $20, sellers |
| TRAMWAYS. | | | | |
| H.K. High Level Tramways Co., Ld | 1,250 | $ 100 | all | $105, ex div., buyers |
| MINING. | | | | |
| Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld. | 40,000 | $ | all | $2, buyers |
| New Punjom Mining Co., Ld. | 30,000 | $ | all | $6.75, sales and buyers |
| ,, ,, Preference shares | 30,000 | $ | all | $1.90, buyers |
| Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co. Ld. | 18,000 | $ | $ | $5.80, sales |
| | 32,000 | $ | $ | $3.80, buyers |
| Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin. | 12,000 | Fcs. 50 | all | $145, sellers |
| New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ld. | 50,000 | $ | all | $1.50, sellers |
| ,, ,, Preference shares | 25,000 | $ | | $1.80, sellers |
| Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld. | 100,000 | £ | 13/1 | $25½, sales and buyers |
| Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd. | £ 15,000 | $ | $ | $19, sellers |
| | £ 80,000 | $ | $ | $9½, sellers |
| PLANTING, ETC. | 25,000 | $ | $ | |
| China-Borneo Company, Ld. | 7,500 | $ 100 | $ 5 | nom. |
| H. G. Brown & Co., Limited, in liq. | 6,000 | $ 10 | all | $5, buyers |
| HOTELS, ETC. | | | | |
| Hongkong Hotel Company, Lt. | 12,000 | $ 5 | all | $54, sales |
| DISPENSARIES. | | | | |
| A. S. Watson & Co., Limited. | 60,000 | $ 1 | all | $2, sellers |
| LIGHTING. | | | | |
| H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited. | 7,000 | £ 1 | all | £2 |
| Hongkong Electric Co., Limited. | 30,000 | $ 1 | $ 1 | $9.75, sales |
| BRICK AND CEMENT. | | | | |
| Green Island Cement Co., Ld. | 20,000 | $ 10 | $ | $314 $15 |
| MISCELLANEOUS. | | | | |
| Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld. | 10,000 | $ 1 | £ 15 | $5 |
| Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited. | 1,200 | $ 1 | all | $4 |
| Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited. | 6,000 | $ 2 | $ | $6, sales |
| Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld. | 600 | $ 5 | all | $3 |
| Hongkong Dairy Farm Co. | 10,000 | $ 7 | $ | $8, buyers |
| Hongkong Ice Company, Limited. | 5,000 | $ 2 | all | $7, sellers |
| H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld | 3,000 | $ 5 | all | $64, ex div. |
| Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld. | 1,000,000 | $ 10 | $ 2 | $10 |
| Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld., | 10,000 | Tls. 100 | Cts 10 | ts. 100, sellers |
| International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld., | 10,000 | Tls. 100 | Cts 10 | Ts 113, sellers |
| Leou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld. | 8,000 | Tls. 100 | Cts 10 | Ts 115, sellers |
| Carmichael & Co., Ld. | 2,000 | $ 5 | $ 2 | $5 |
| Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld. | 2,000 | Tls. 500 | Cts 50 | Ts. 500 |

* Founder's shares

| LOANS. | Amount. | Value. | Interest. | Quotation. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chinese Imperial 1896 | £1a. 1897.98 | £1a. 100 | 7 % p.a. | 90 % prem. |

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